

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claims 1-15 are pending and under consideration in this application.

No claims are added or cancelled herein. Therefore, after entry of the present Amendment and Response, claims 1-15 will be pending and under consideration in this application.

Abstract

In response to the comments on page 2, lines 8-17, of the Office Action, while not agreeing that the content of the Abstract as originally filed was not proper, in order to expedite prosecution of the instant application, Applicants have replaced the originally filed Abstract with a more detailed one reflecting the content of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 9.

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Applicants agree with the Examiner's assertion on page 3, lines 1-3, of the Office Action that WO/99/60951 was published after the priority date of the instant application

CONCLUSION

In summary, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants request that the Examiner permit the pending claims to pass to allowance.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicants' undersigned representative can be reached at the telephone number below.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10592-023US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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